

1954

SAN CLEMENTE

On our return to school in February we blinked astonished eyes at the array of new Nuns who were to steer our scholastic barque through the troubled educational waters of 1954 Intermediate and Leaving examinations, not to mention the First, Second, and Fourth Year Tests which ensure (we hope) our promotion to more exalted spheres next year.

The first few weeks of term were saddened by the illness and death of our dear Sister M. Reginald, for over twenty years a kind friend to San Clemente girls. May she rest in peace!



During the Christmas holidays, four girls, Maureen Boland, June Peck, Pat McGrath and Joan Mulhearn attended the Y.C.S. summer school at Stuartholm, Brisbane. While there they visited "San Sisto", Australia's youngest Dominican School.



Our 1954 activities so far include participation in the Children's Display at the Showground in honour of the Queen where we were privileged to obtain a close view of that gracious and lovely lady, the St. Patrick's Day Concert to which we contributed four items, the film "The Beggar's Opera", the ballet "Corroboree".

Since last year's issue of "The Dominican", the highlights were St. Dominic's Day, when we sang the Mass "Orbis Factor", with Dom Moreno's "Ave Maria". After our efforts we regaled ourselves with a picnic, complete with billy tea, and wound up with a dance at night.

The Retreat given by Father Davis, O.P., the Rosary Crusade Pictures, the Rosary Rally at the Show Ground, Father Peyton's visit to our school completed a list of events which was supplemented by our Sports Day, visits to the Y.C.S. General Training Day at Maitland, to the Symphony Orchestra, to see "Julius Caesar", and the Coronation Ball at which we were all attired as peers and peeresses.

Lest it should seem that we devote ourselves entirely to the lighter side of school life, we hasten to mention that our 1953 examination results were gratifying. Jennifer Rouse won a Commonwealth Scholarship, and is now doing Arts at the Newcastle University; Helen Rahenan won an Art Scholarship at Sydney Technical College, while Iris and Ron Parmeter, Barbara Coleman and Doreen Reynolds gained their A. Mus. A. for piano. At present we are preparing for Shakespeare Day and for the Sports Fête to be held at the end of the term.